



Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

March 2, 2022
Ash Wednesday

Prelude

"Ubi Caritas" by Marilyn Biery

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Call to Worship (Psalm 51)

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

One: People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins.

All: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

One: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God today and throughout this journey of Lent.

Special Music

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Text from Psalm 51

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Responsive Confession of Sin

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

All: According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

One: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

All: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

One: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen.

Response to the Confession

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!
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You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Assurance of Forgiveness

...Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God, our help and our salvation!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Prophets

Joel 2:12-17

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The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Meditation

“Matters of the Heart”

Rev. Chris Peters

Imposition of Ashes

(Tonight, we will have a time of imposition of ashes. This is a time of marking our foreheads with ashes in the sign of a cross. This sign is a symbol of our human frailty and penitence, and our desire to die to sin and live a new life in Christ. If you would like to receive this sign from a pastor, we ask that you come down the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisles. There is also a self-imposition station located near the elevator doors on the North side of the sanctuary.)

Prayers of the People

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" by Flor Peeters

Westminster welcomes and values children in worship. If a parent feels a break is needed for their child during the service, our Infant Room is available. This is located off the narthex through the West/Sheridan-end sanctuary doors. When you enter the narthex, turn to your right, where the door will be open.

There is a large basket near the Sheridan Street doors where your offering can be placed following the service.

If you don't want to take your bulletin with you, please dispose of it in the recycling basket as you exit the sanctuary.

Ministers: The whole congregation

Pastors: Rev. Chris Peters & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Liturgist: Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

Music Director: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

